

Empathy to Apathy: That should not be the Q

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About the Author

Michael Jeffrey has been many things, and had humble work beginnings, until finding his true passion, late in life. He started off working on a garbage collecting crew, something now called in a PC manner “Sanitation Engineer.” Later, he worked various summer jobs doing maintenance and janitorial work, whilst an undergrad student. After getting his undergrad degree much later than expected, due to being a lousy student whom suffered from a complete lack of vision as to what to do with the rest of his life, he was not accepted into Grad school immediately following his attainment of his BS degree. So, he had to work, and became interested in field work, most notably a long experience working as an engineer, a surveyor’s helper (lousy one at that), a geologist, and environmental consultant. Yet, he never really found his calling, until he went back to school for a grad degree and became a teacher. That has been his passion since his mid 30s, and continues to fuel his desire to educate the world, with his preference being working with K-12 kids, geosciences courses, or teachers prep courses. He has an avid hobby in

photography, and has taught for free with outreach programs in 3 states at the K-12 level.

His most important goal today, is to find his Mrs. “S”, those whom can meet his needs to be a first time wife, and start a family with her – the kind he has sought since he was in college his second year, from the time he turned 18 on.... A goal that has been close, but elusively un-met, especially once he turned 40, which has only proved the search for the fertility and college aged women he has sought completely affirmed as his only goal left in life.

The author believes in a FREE Economic system, unfettered by the limitations the artificial concept of money forces humanity to deal with. Getting rid of money will free the human soul to pursue their dreams, and work in jobs they have the passion for, no more will people work just for a paycheck, often at the detriment of the services provided. As such, this e-book, is offered FREE, and if anyone asks you to pay for it, do not do so, for he will give it to anyone on earth whom wants to read for free ! This offer is his way of “walking the talk” of a truly free market economy, unfettered by the concepts of profit, payroll, stocks, or credit/loans.

The work here in, is all original, all mine, except where noted. The greatest honor of all, though, goes to God for giving me a second life, and to Jesus, Dr, Martin Luther King, Jr. for his courage and non violent principles, and to my mom and my dad.

Foreward

*“Far better to live a life of love
for everyone on earth
than to just love those
around you in your immediate circle”*

— source - me

*If all you know and love is your immediate circle of
friends, faith,
co-workers, students, parents, rich, poor, and so on,
you are
missing out on what God has given earth - the great
richness
and diversity of the human species here...far better
to love and
learn from everyone, than to limit oneself to just the
few ideas
around them. No better way towards enlightenment
and the
fulfillment of a truly global citizen than to relish all
the good that
humanity has to offer*

*“Humanity would be so much better off
If people would stop forcing their viewpoints on
others
I'd rather live in a society and a culture
that teaches tolerance and openness to all ideas*

*than live where only 1 way or the highway is taught
The best thing the human
species can do
is to explore what every single culture has to offer
us
in the forms of lessons about life
and how to live it well”
— source - me*

Chapter 1

*I yearn for a place
where no one understands what the word peace
means
because there has never been warfare*

*where each human is valued for what they have to
offer, and there is no
discrimination for any reason, period*

*where the values of pacifism, love, and sharing are
embedded in everyone*

where the love of God exists

*Where everyone is down with asking questions, and
in fact asking questions is
the very fundamental function of society*

*where everything is shared, the wealth, the
resources, where the only profit
there is,
is inside of our hearts and minds, and no one goes
without*

*where diverse opinions and the greater global voices
are heard by all and
appreciated for the works of beauty there truly are*

*where there is no such thing as borders, that the
entire world is an open and
free system, with inalienable rights and freedoms
for everyone*

*where learning is a life-long process
where the need to explore is nourished and fertilized
where people are open enough to new ideas, and
openly discuss all issues*

*where no one seeks control over others for their own
personal interests*

*where energy and food demands are met through
sustainable, and renewable
sources only, with goal of the lowest possible
impact/footprint*

*where people are free to love and make love with
those of their mutual choosing*

*where people whom help others and do service
outreach and learning are
valued far more than those that only help
themselves*

Here in the next section, one will find some of my random thoughts on various thematic issues that plague humanity, locally and globally. These are my own personal opinions, my interpretations of how a world at peace should be. By no means, is the intent herein to do anything other than to stimulate debate on the issues, as opposed to personal attacks on individuals. I have no quarrels with individuals, I only have issues with the policies or actions people perform on the stage of life. Many of the posts focus on recurring themes of love lost and not found since, not having had my own kids, my own personal failures and successes, my sense of humor, and a honest sense that the world can be a better place, without the need for human suffering, if we simply adjusted our policies, thoughts, and speech on the real issues in a humane rather than hurtful manner. Having studied to be a historian at one point in my undergrad experiences, I have a perspective of past lessons that seem to continue to have to be relearned, as well as a love for exploration, and thinking outside the box. To me, the status quo, is not working, as long as one person on earth, is homeless like me, jobless, had no opportunity for an education, go to sleep hungry, thirsty, in fear,

imprisonment, or without freedom. The hate and anger of this world can be solved if all 7 billion of us simply said the power of "No." No, I will not kill those peaceful protesters, no I will not charge more in interest to someone whom has demonstrated they have little ability to pay it back, for they obviously need the help more so, than those whom already have the means to take care of themselves. We have an adversarial arrangement economically, with respect to its all about exploiting and extracting money from people, as opposed to giving money to people - to empower them. And we all sleep, each night on this planet, under the imminent and unknown danger, that we all could be incinerated in an instant if something goes wrong and people pull the nuclear trigger. To me, nuclear weapons represent the single greatest danger to the human species, more so than any other issue - and if you think we can handle nukes, just look at how many people here and around the world cannot even handle a gun without killing others or worse, themselves - scary shit to me.

DREAMS



*“if there are differences between people
how do people
expect to understand
each other
or be able to get along
without listening
listening to each other
is the only way to understand the other’s point of
view
and that can lead to
peace”*



This is HUMAN BLOOD (photo web search)

Anyone tell me whom it belongs to?

*What is their ethnicity, their color of their skin,
their eyes, their hair?*

*Can you tell me what religion - if any, this person's
blood belonged to?*

Can you tell me what nation this blood was spilled in?

Can you tell me who killed the person whose blood this once flowed?

Can you tell me what they died for?

Blood is blood, - and aside from the major blood types (A, O, B, AB, positive or negative), the same blood flows in all human beings...

Then why does it seem, that depending upon whose blood is spilled, people are happy, sad, demand change, are horrified, or shocked?

Why is some blood more important than others when spilled?

Is the blood of someone in your land more important than in my land?

Is the blood of one religion more important than another?

Is the blood of those living free, more important than those dying to have the same freedom?

Is the blood of those whom deny freedom more important than those whose freedom is denied?

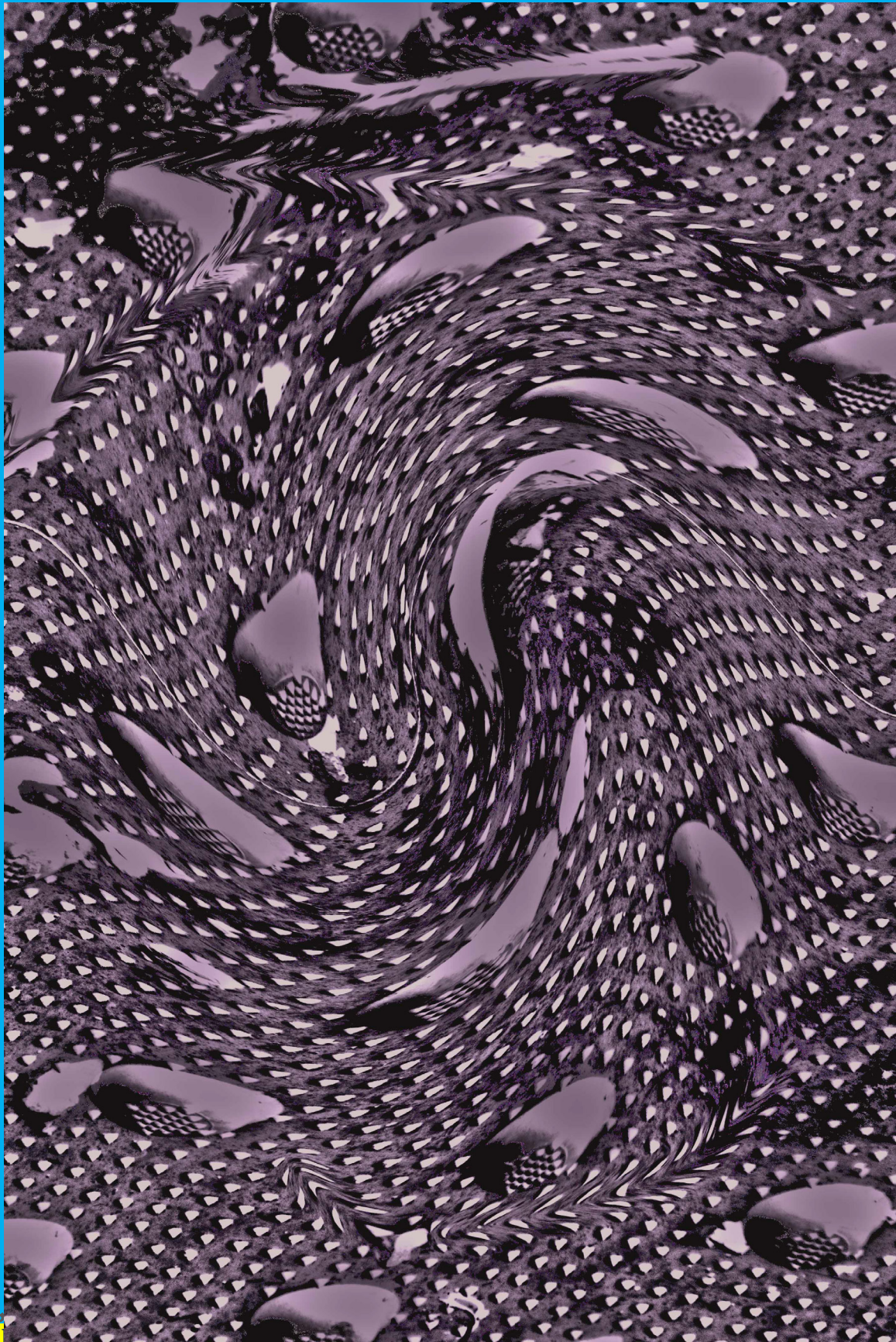
Human beings are curious creatures, for even though we all are human, we can either be humane or inhumane when we see blood, depending upon whose blood we see - and the context associated with it.

*Next time you hear or see a protester smiling and waving flags, and asking for change, for freedom, in peaceful non-violent, birthright to do so, and then see them gunned down by soldiers, police, tanks, hit men, your neighbor, or by someone blowing themselves up, or from a bomb dropped from above, ask yourself - why..... why do we continue to kill each other on this singular planet? And why does it matter, if someone's blood belonged to Hitler or Anne Frank? It's still blood..... and we are still supposedly human beings. Strange how we can forget that in life....
food for thought*

(Photo credit Bing search of blood from ...could be anywhere.... Or not, if we refuse to fight, kill, and die.....).

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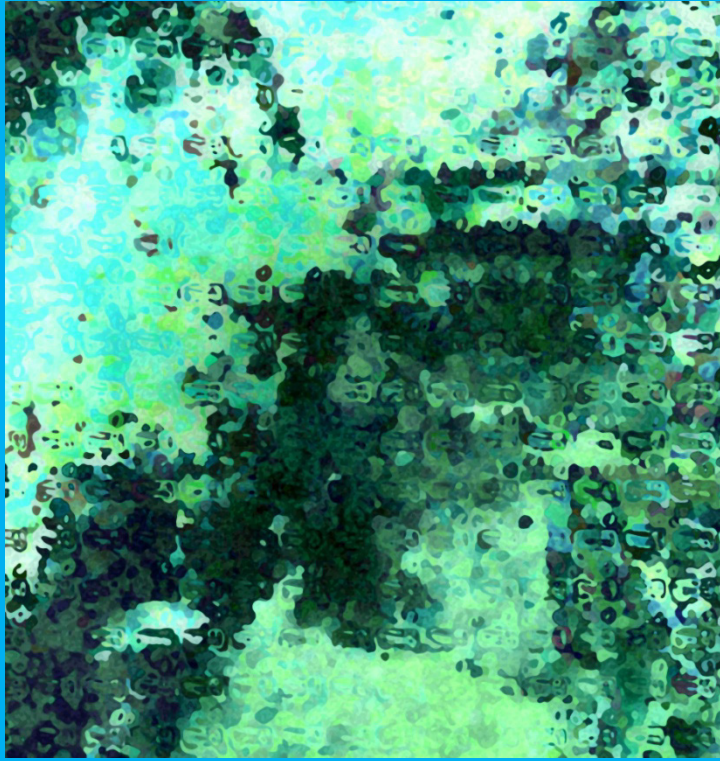
1. *You and I
this rock
and that star
the trees above
and the oceans blue
the birds
the fish
the ores
the gems
the tectonic plates
or the gas giants
the galaxies
and even black holes*

*we are all made
of the same
constructional material
the material in you
and I
and everything else we see
here in this universe
is made of the same stuff
it's all the same
basic code
or building blocks
or the language of God
call it whatever you will
the truth
when you look at it this way*

*is
the difference
between you and I
is astronomically small
as is
the difference
between you, I, and any of the life here
the birds, the clouds
the sky
the water
the rocks
the earth itself
we are all
the same
inside
our elementary particles
all speak the same language
all things in this known 'verse
all speak the same lingo
we are one
we are the same*

*so
next time
you have hate
for someone else
or you pollute
our earth
or you*

*bomb this or that
or kill he or she
or bring a species
to the point of
endangerment
threatened
or worse
extinct
in essence
recall
that the only thing
that separates you and I
from all else
in the known 'verse
is not what we are made of
but by one thing only
the assembly instructions*



*I see things
perhaps as a child
I see age old disputes
of questions unanswered
or those we think we know the answer to*

*I see so much hate and anger
and I wonder
why
people just don't move on*

*it seems to me
that so many of the world's problems
today*

*are the same
they have been
for all modern time*

*and yet
humanity struggles
to solve these issues
and continues
to do the same things
time and time again
in unending mimicry
same solutions
just a different drummer
of the clock
that keeps time*

*yet history has proven
these solutions
don't work for all
or work for long*

*so
as a child
I ask but one simple question*

*has the status quo
worked for you?*

Does the same old thinking

*about solving problems
like battles
over
ideology
resources
land
and control
ever really
truly solve the issue
"once and for all"
or does each new generation
have to rediscover
the same things
the last ones did
over and over
in perpetual violence
and failure to learn*

*what we need in this world today
is not more of the same old solutions
we need
to think outside the box
and explore
the unlimited possibilities
quantum physics gives us*

*instead of simply sticking with
the status quo*

*has the status quo
brought peace
between Israel and Palestine?*

*has the status quo
gave our children a better educational opportunity*

*has the status quo
fed each and every human on earth
every single day*

*has the status quo
created a world
that knows no war*

*has the status quo
kept our streets
free from crime, violence, and murders*

*has the status quo
eliminated the concept
of classes
of an artificial stratification
and separation of peoples
based upon wealth
of geolocational accident*

*has the status quo
got the world*

*to go totally green
in our approach
to energy
business practices
and the environment*

*has the status quo
brought us
to colonize the stars*

*we are a world
at war with itself
but not just
with weapons that kill
sometimes
their very own people
but instead
by our failure
to think
great dreams
and go outside
that box
and dare to dream
of the mountaintop*

*The old ways have been tried
for thousands of years
it is well past time
for humanity to shrug off the chains*

*of historical bondage
to outdated solutions*

*and instead
create inside of each of us
our own personal dream
unconstrained
by the ways that do not work*

*pride, saving face, issues of false superiority, control
over others, and so on
All the world's problems
every one of them
can be solved
if all we do
is think outside the box
and with our hearts
and not our fists*



The Search

*random thought
so I was on
bit torrent
or some clone
all this week
and I have noticed
a statistic
that makes me sad*

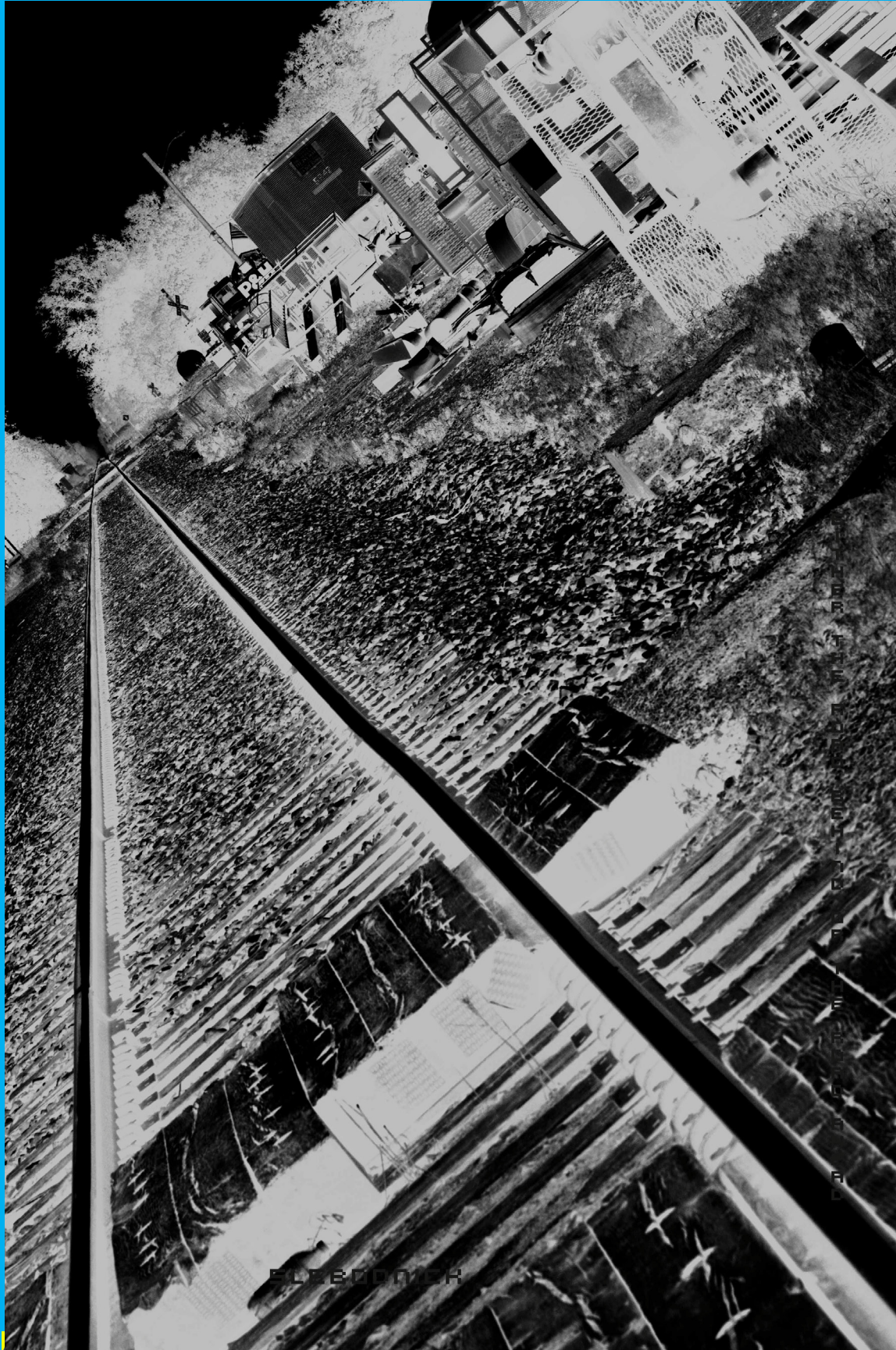
*when I look
at the seeders
and the leeches
of shows about*

*warfare
and compare those
to seeds
and leeches
whom are looking for*

*love
science
philosophy
arts
you know, the finer things in life
(No, I'm not into looking at that kinda stuff !)
and I see
so sad
that
the number of people
whom download
stuff
do so about
war
death
and killing
in far greater numbers
than do those
looking
about life
and what makes life great*

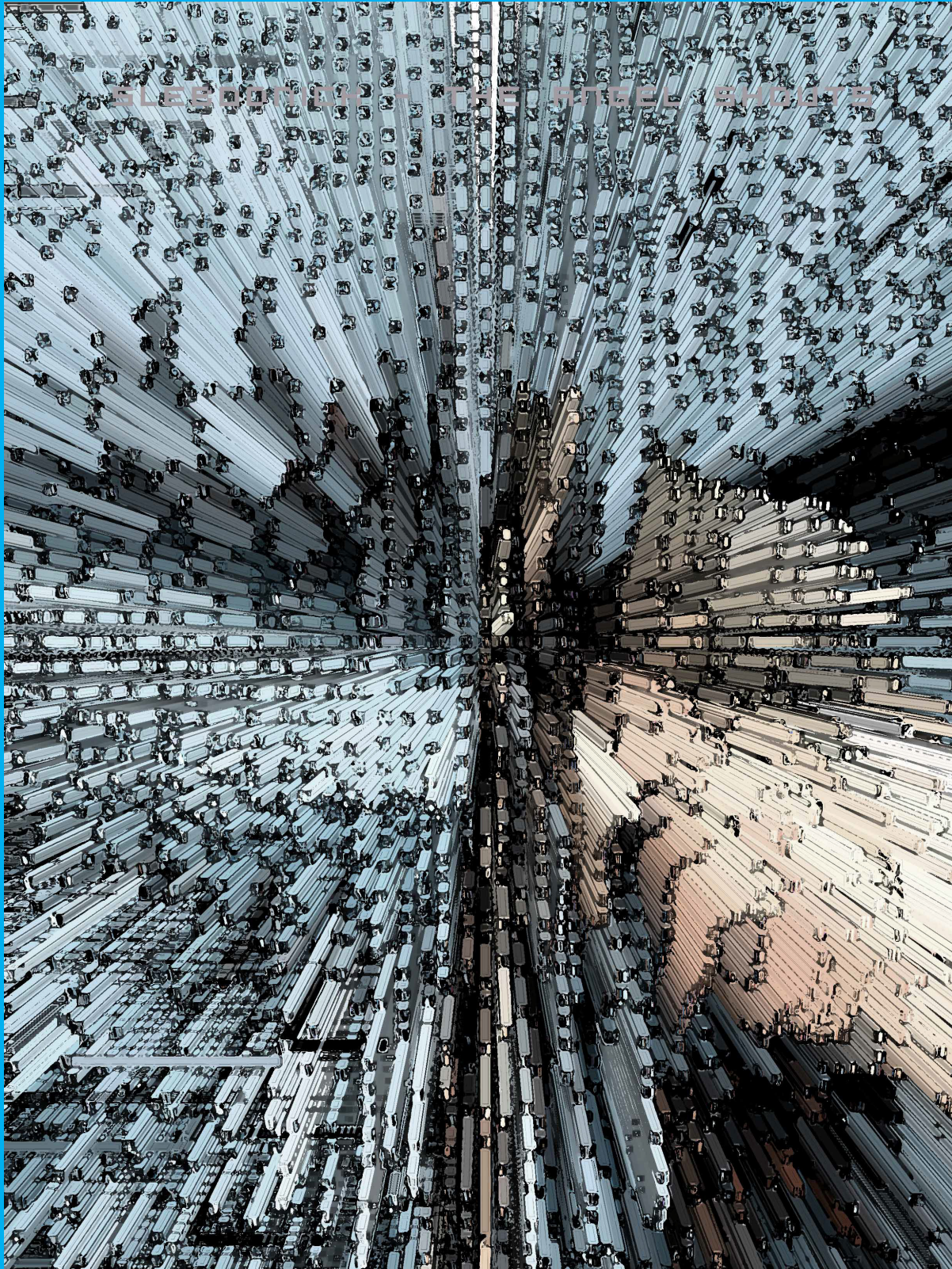
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The way forward is....

ideas are like rails.... they can lead to all sorts of destinations unknown... until one makes the journey, one never knows what lies on the other side shouldn't humanity be laying new tracks of love, of equality, of cooperation rather than confrontation, rather than tear up the track through, war, hate, discrimination, and bigotry....?
may the peace and love of god above, or for those whom don't believe, simply let peace and love enter your hearts...we are all in this one world together.... stop fighting over a small tiny dot in space, and move on past your differences.... think peace....



*I write it like the fly trying to un-stick from the fly
paper*

*entitled – uh, toys r us or r they really?
it has been said
the ideas
are stronger than swords
for the weapons used
in classical concepts of battle
deal with tangible elements
like armor, speed, mobility, firepower, protection,
numbers or quality
and capricious ones
like
the weather, terrain effects, soil conditions,
moisture, the high or low ground (topography), etc
as well as
craftsmanship and reliability
and so on
to how big of a boom does it make
or how few collateral effects
or fratricide
or friendly fire
awfully occurs
yet to me
the mightiest weapons of all
have no need
for physical implements*

*other than
pens
paper
scrolls
parchment
zeros and ones
a keypad
or a touch screen
audio
or video
doc file or pdf
blog
or vlog
snail mail or email
it matters not
all the commonly thought of variables
often in battles fought in war on the battlespace
what
I find
completely
outclasses
and is impregnable
to any
military force
is
ideas
hopes
dreams
loves*

*and compassion
that no single bullet
tank
or plane
can ever subdue
doubt what I say is
true?
just ask the Romans
the mightiest empire
the ancient world
in the Mediterranean
had seen thousands of years ago
and look how fast
it was conquered
not from the outside
but with love
from Christ
to me
ideas
like love
peace
tolerance for all
equality as opposed to bias and discrimination
universal freedom and human rights
gender equality
age equality
an end to poverty
an end to hunger
an end to warfare itself*

*and the concept
that triumphs all others
peace
is unstoppable
and will win out
over any war
if humans really want to do battle
let them do it
on the strength of their
arguments
their logic
their compassion
their empathy
and their love for their fellow human beings
and not
on the battlefield
which has but one certain outcome
death
ideas give life
it is only people
whom take it
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